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# State Route 98

## SR-111 to SR-7

### FACT SHEET

#### GOALS

Improve traffic and pedestrian safety, increase capacity, and relieve congestion in and around the city of Calexico; and

Accommodate NAFTA and interregional and local traffic by improving access from the new Calexico East Federal Port of Entry to SR-111 and beyond.

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#### PROJECT ON HOLD

The project is in the Project Report/Environmental Document phase, but due to funding and resource constraints, work on the project has been suspended. The schedule for design and construction will be contingent on the availability of funding.

#### EXPANDING THE HIGHWAY

State Route 98 is an east/west two-lane conventional highway which parallels the international border in Imperial County. The plan calls for widening and/or realigning SR-98 between SR-111 and SR-7 from two to four lanes - six in some locations. The project will require acquisition of additional right of way and relocation of irrigation systems. This project is included in the state's Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP).

#### MEETING TRAFFIC DEMANDS

SR-98, along with SR-7, is expected to help ease the movement of cross-border traffic with Mexico. Traffic forecasts indicate that widening SR-98 is needed to accommodate the current and future traffic demands, and to help relieve congestion in the city of Calexico.

#### SECURING DOLLARS

The estimated cost of the project is \$347.5 million. The State Transportation Improvement Program-Regional Improvement Program is contributing \$2.5 million with \$8.9 million from TCRP. The project also received a Federal Congressional Earmark for \$4 million. An additional \$332.1 million is needed to fully fund the project.



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